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Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities

Check out Anoka County Parks for fun seasonal programs and activities. All CDC/MDH COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. To register or for more information, call 763-324-3350 or visit anokacountyparks.com.

Lunch with a Naturalist: Opossums

December 13, 11:30-1pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

All ages. Opossums are so misunderstood and so not ugly! Learn about these amazing mammals, bring your lunch, and join a naturalist for our Lunch with a Naturalist series. These monthly presentations will include local natural or cultural history information and possibly a relaxing stroll on the trails at Wargo. This program is open for all ages but is a presentation-style program designed primarily for adults. Any equipment that may be used will be provided. Pre-registration is not required.

FREE!

Winter Recreation Sampler

December 18, 1-3pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

Ages 5+. Get a taste of some of the things to do outside in Minnesota during our colder months. Sample a variety of the recreational activities including kick sledding, snowshoeing, and cover some tips on how to dress for cold weather. Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$7/adult, \$5/child (+tax)

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Winter Solstice Celebration

December 21, 6:30-8:30pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

Ages 12+. Come celebrate the stillness of night and the return of the sun! The winter solstice marks the longest night of the year and the beginning of longer days. Enjoy this new event at Wargo Nature Center with a self-guided ice luminary hike, songs and stories around a fire, an art project, and mulled hot cider (non-alcoholic). Arrive anytime between 6:30 and 8:30 pm. Pre-registration required.

COST: \$6/person (+tax)

Snowshoeing

December 29, 4-6pm; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

Ages 5+. Winter is a great time to get out and enjoy nature's wonders. Coon Rapids Dam is a wonderful setting for exploring on snowshoes. If there is enough snow, we will break out the snowshoes and get into some of the less traveled areas of the park. This program is well suited for families and groups of all ages.

COST: \$7/adult, \$5/child 16 and under (+tax)

Introduction to Cross-Country Skiing

December 30, 2-4pm; Chomonix Golf Course, 700 Aqua Ln, Lino Lakes

Ages 10+. Cross-country skiing is a fun and easy way to enjoy the outdoors in the winter. This entry level skiing class will cover the basics of Nordic skiing and we will spend most of our time out on the trails skiing. No experience is required, and all equipment is provided.

COST: \$15/adult, \$10/child (ages 10-16) (+tax)

Forest Kids Club

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

Ages 4-5. Join us for a season or register for the whole school year! We will spend Wednesday mornings adventuring and learning out on Wargo's wooded peninsula, exploring different nature topics and seasonal changes along the way. In addition to guided activities, each week will include a free-explore time where participants will be encouraged to follow their senses and create their own adventure with new friends! This is a great hands-on experience for young children.

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Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$110/session (+tax) Winter Session: January 4 – March 15, Spring Session: March 29 – June 7

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